

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 6, 2022

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson. The purpose of the work session was to discuss purchasing equipment for the road department, road maintenance and repairs, financial reports, LOST negotiations, Development Authority projects and review a draft of the January 2021 Agenda.

After a bid opening on December 30, 2021 the Board reviewed quotes from Caterpillar for \$140,160.00 and John Deere for \$132,430.22.

Joe Filippone, Director of Economic Development informed the Board he had the sale of the old factory building contract, and another company may bid on the building.

The Board discussed the LOST negotiations and if the City of Higgston is eligible to receive this tax. The Board will consult with the County Attorney further on this matter.

Commissioner Morris reported for Recreation Director Kendall Bennamon that he has 4 basketball teams, and they will play other County's recreation departments. Scooter Snead will be assisting Mr. Bennamon. The Montford Group will be taking care of the ball fields with the fertilizing and spraying.

The Board reviewed the January 2022 consent agenda.

The Board reviewed the December 2021 financial reports.

Public Works Director Milton Fountain reported on the potholes on Bear Creek Road. Hooks Construction will dig up the part of the road that is in the worst shape place soil cement as the base for around \$ 49,000.00.

The dashboard on the 6130 has burned out and a new one will be ordered.

Mr. Fountain is still waiting on the Alamo mower head.

The new motor grader is here.

The back door on the prison van will need to be replaced. The County will not be able to use the inmate detail until the doors is fixed.

There is a leak on the third floor of the courthouse. Ray Edge has completed the repairs at the Forestry building. The processing building has a roof leak. The recreation gym repairs are complete. Mr. Fountain will have the inmate detail take down the fence at one of the ball fields so it can be moved back.

ACCG will be taking pictures of our solid waste centers for one of their publications.

The work session ended at 7:40 pm.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2022

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioner held their regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to elect officers for the 2022 year. On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board re-elected Leland Adams as Chairman for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board re-elected Clarence Thomas as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

The second order of business was to appoint the County Attorney for the 2022 year. On motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Morris the Board re-appointed Paul Cook as the County Attorney for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

The invocation was led by Donnie Daniels followed by the pledge to the flag.

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Williamson. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the December 9, 2021 work session were approved on a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the December 16, 2021 public hearing were approved on a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the December 23, 2021 special called meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the December 23, 2021 special called meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

Appearing before the Board was Michele Johnson from the Greater Vidalia Area Chamber. Ms. Johnson reported on upcoming events.

Under Reports, EMA Director Donnie Daniels reported the total calls for the fire department in 2021 was 282, which included auto accidents. As of today, the number of COVID cases in Montgomery County is 30. Mr. Daniels still has some PPE and disinfectant.

Under County Works, Director Milton Fountain reported Hooks Construction will begin repairing Bear Creek Road in about two weeks. This is considered an emergency safety issue and the Board approved Hooks Construction to repair the road. The December safety meeting was on 'Following Rules' with nine employees present. Mr. Fountain, County Manager Braddy will meet with Kelvin Manning of M&M Construction for a walk through at the courthouse tomorrow.

Tax Commissioner Loretta Lane's vehicle was vandalized last Friday while in the parking lot at the Tax Office. This is the second time Ms. Lane's vehicle has been damaged while parked in the Tax Office parking lot. The County will pay for damages to be repaired. Secure Georgia will be installing security cameras on the Tax Offices building.

The Board reviewed the financial statement.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Morris the Board approved the consent agenda which included:

- Approval of a Purchase Agreement with Harris Local Government for software for the Tax Commissioner's Office for \$9,020.00.
- Approval of a Probation Services Agreement with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc. to provide probation services for the Montgomery County Superior Court.
- Approval of a Service Agreement with Kofile Technologies, Inc. to perform imaging and indexing of Montgomery County Clerk of Superior Court's historical plat records for \$10,500.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, after receiving quotes on a backhoe from Caterpillar for \$140,160.00 and from John Deere for \$132,430.22 Commissioner Morris made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Williamson to accept the quote from John Deere for \$132,430.22 for the backhoe. Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, on a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Thomas the Board adopted a resolution (Res. No. 22-1-01-01) supporting reform to Georgia's annexation dispute resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board adopted a resolution (Rex No. 22-01-02) to fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county office to be filled in the upcoming primary or election. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Morris seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board adopted a resolution (Res. No. 22-01-03) to re-appoint Dorothy Days to the Montgomery County Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board adopted a resolution (Res. No. 22-01-04) to establish park rules and regulations for the County's recreation facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed quotes on fertilizing applications on the fields and common areas at the Recreation Department from Coastal Sports Turf, LLC for \$4,000.00 per year and from The Montford Group for \$3,950.00 per year. On a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Williamson the Board awarded the quote to Montford Group for \$3,950.00 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Morris the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Morris the Board came out of Executive Session at 6:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken from the Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm on motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 25, 2022**

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, and Tim Williamson. The purpose of the work session was to discuss the following:

- Review plan to stagger terms of Board of Assessors
- Amendment to the Sub-division Ordinance
- Update on Board of Elections & Registration local legislation
- Review a proposed pay scale for county employees
- Review contract from GIS1, LLC to perform GIS mapping services

The Board reviewed a resolution to stagger the terms of the Board of Assessors and to assign each member a seat number.

The Board reviewed a sub-division map with most of the land being in the City of Higgston and agreed not to amend the County's Sub-division Ordinance that would allow the minimum acreage to be reduced to three acres.

The local legislation on establishing a Board of Elections will be introduced in the General Assembly.

The Board reviewed a pay scale for county employees.

The Board reviewed two contracts from GIS1, LLC to perform GIS mapping services.

The Board agreed for the Road Department to trim back limbs at the High School football field.

The work session ended at 6:25 pm.

